

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Chinese presence in PoK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has allegedly established its presence well across Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK);
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether China is also investing in infrastructure projects in PoK;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has taken/is taking steps to keep a check on such activities in the security interest of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (f) Government has seen reports with regard to China's involvement in infrastructure building activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) including under the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. Government's consistent position is that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir since 1947. Government has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and asked them to cease such activities. Government keeps a constant watch on all development having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.